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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 June 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 13-15 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Finality is hereby withdrawn in accordance with the discussions dated 7/26/06.

Election/Restrictions

Newly submitted claims 13-15 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: Claims 13-15 pertain to a separate and distinct species from that of originally elected claims 1-12 claims 13-15 pertain to a coil with upper and lower conductors. These claims will be rejoined based upon their dependency should claim 1 ultimately be determined to be allowable.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 13-15 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hayashi (JP 2001-196542).

Hayashi teaches the following claimed limitations as cited below:

1. A micro power converter with multiple outputs, comprising:
a semiconductor substrate having a semiconductor integrated circuit (1), a plurality of thin film magnetic induction components electrically connected to the semiconductor integrated circuit and having a plurality the magnetic insulation substrates (11), said plurality of thin film magnetic induction components being spaced apart from each other with a gap therebetween (0004 and layer 5), and a capacitor electrically connected to the semiconductor integrated circuit (20) (Fig.3).
2. A micro power converter according to claim 1, further comprising a magnetic isolation layer disposed in the gap between the magnetic insulation substrates for magnetically isolating the thin film magnetic induction components (Fig.1 (5) and (0004).
3. A micro power converter according to claim1, wherein each of said thin film magnetic induction components includes one of said magnetic insulation substrates (8), a coil conductor formed on the one magnetic insulation substrate (6), and a plurality connection terminals (9 or 10) formed at a peripheral portion of said one magnetic insulation substrate (8), said plurality of the thin film magnetic induction components (11) being arranged with the gap(5) and attached at the plurality of the connection terminals (9 or 10).
4. A micro power converter according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of the magnetic insulation substrates is formed of a ferrite substrate (8).

5. A micro power converter according to claim wherein said magnetic isolation layer is formed of a non-magnetic material (0011).

6. A micro power converter according claim non-magnetic material is a resin material (0011).

7. A micro power converter according claim non-magnetic material is a ceramic material (0011).

8. A micro power converter according to claim 3, wherein said plurality of the connection terminals is formed on each of plurality of the magnetic insulation substrates same planar positions, said plurality of the connection terminals connected to two ends of each coil inductor and located on one magnetic insulation substrate being located at planar positions different from those of another magnetic insulation substrate (Fig.3 (10)).

9. A micro power converter according to claim 8, wherein one said plurality of the connection terminals formed on one magnetic insulation substrate faces another magnetic insulation substrate, and has a height greater than that coil conductor formed on the one magnetic insulation substrate (Fig.3 (10)).

10. A micro power converter according to claim 3, wherein said plurality of the connection terminals includes a first terminal formed on a front surface of one magnetic insulation substrate and a second terminal formed on a rear surface of the one magnetic insulation substrate, said first

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terminal being electrically connected to the second terminal through a hole formed in the one magnetic insulation substrate (Fig.3 (10)).

11. A micro power converter according to claim 10, wherein said semiconductor substrate electrically connected to the first terminal (Fig.3 (10)).

12. A micro power converter according to claim 10, wherein said capacitor is electrically connected to the first terminal (Fig.3 (10)).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-12 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. Applicant's certified English translation has afforded the Applicant foreign priority and has overcome the Examiner's previous rejection.

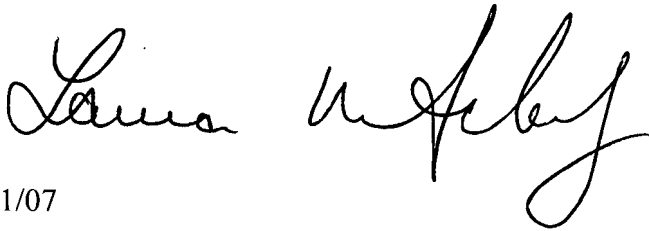
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Laura M. Schillinger whose telephone number is (571) 272-1697. The examiner can normally be reached on M-T, R-F 7:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carl W. Whitehead, Jr. can be reached on (571) 272-1702. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laura M Schillinger', written in a cursive style.

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